



King County Meeting Proceedings

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

External Affairs Committee

Councilmembers: *Pete von Reichbauer, Chair; Larry Phillips, Vice Chair;
Dow Constantine, Larry Gossett, Kathy Lambert*

Staff: *Beth Mountsier (296-0319), Lead Analyst
Joanne Rasmussen (296-0333), Committee Assistant
Olivia Aguilar (296-1691), Committee Assistant*

Room 1001

January 24, 2007

3:00 PM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Gossett and Ms. Lambert

Excused: Mr. Phillips

The Chair introduced the new External Affairs committee and discussed the creation and purpose of the committee for the King County Council. The External Affairs Committee is the committee that "shall consider and make recommendations to the council on legislation before the federal, state and local governments that affects King County. The committee shall meet regularly with all branches of King County government to review legislation and policies that affect them and to coordinate the county's response to issues from other levels of government." He noted that the External Affairs committee can serve as "the caucus" for the Council to form positions on legislation coming before the Council's Regional Committees. He also noted that he would like to see the committee take the important role of coordinating the Council position and communications and relations with other governmental entities.

Briefing

1. **Briefing No. 2007-B0021**

Update on State and Federal Legislative Issues

Beth Mountsier, Council Staff, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented.

2. **Briefing No. 2007-B0022**

Update on BNSF Railway Corridor purchase

*Beth Mountsier, Council Staff, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members.
Rod Brandon, Director of Sustainability, King County Executive's Office, answered questions from the members.*

This matter was Presented.

3. **Briefing No. 2007-B0023**

King County Economics and Economic Development

Beth Mountsier, Council Staff, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members. The following documents were distributed to the members: 1) Statistical Profile on King County 2) Prosperity Partnership Goals & Strategic Directions 3) Highlights 2006, from King County Annual Growth Report.

This matter was Presented.

Other Business

There was no further business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature